



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 4970
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32232-0019

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
South Permits Branch
West Permits Section

PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-2003-8741 (IP-MN) **OCT 28 2004**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This district has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) as described below.

APPLICANT: Pasco County BCC
West Pasco Government Center
7530 Little Road, Suite 230
New Port Richey, Florida 34654-5598

WATERWAY & LOCATION: The proposed project is located from just east of Little Road to Moon Lake Road, Sections 25 and 26, Township 25 South, Range 16 East, and Sections 29 and 30, Township 25 South, Range 17 East, Pasco County, Florida.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: From US 19 proceed east on the existing Ridge Road to the beginning of the proposed road improvements just east of Little Road.

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE:

Begin Project: Latitude 28°16'50" North, Longitude 82°40'20" West

End Project: Latitude 28°16'27" North, Longitude 82°37'28" West

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: Roadway Improvement

Overall: To protect for the increase in traffic by improvements to the existing roadway.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to discharge clean fill into 2.57 acres of wetlands to improve the existing Ridge Road (CR 524), between Little Road and Moon Lake Road, from a 2-lane facility to a 4-lane divided urban facility that would accommodate future expansion to 6 lanes.

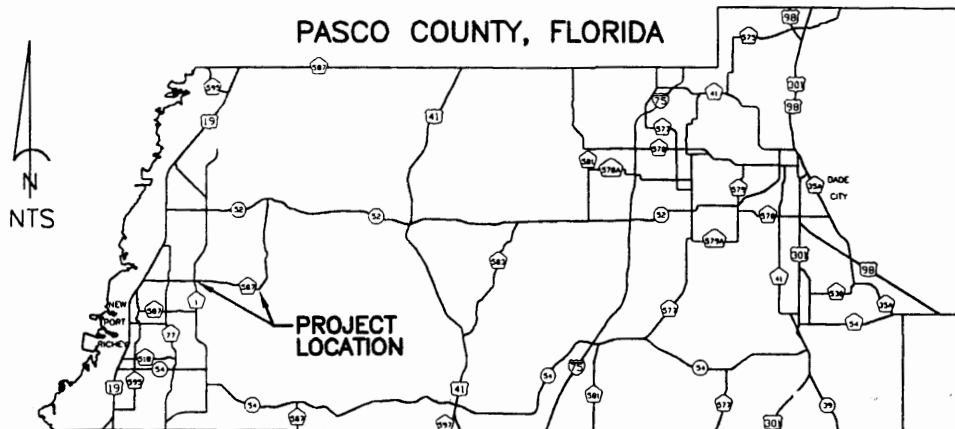
MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the preservation of a 180-acre parcel known as the Pasco County Utilities Parcel in Section 34, Township 25 South, Range 17 East. The method of preservation would be either through a conservation easement or deeding to the SWFWMD.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified.

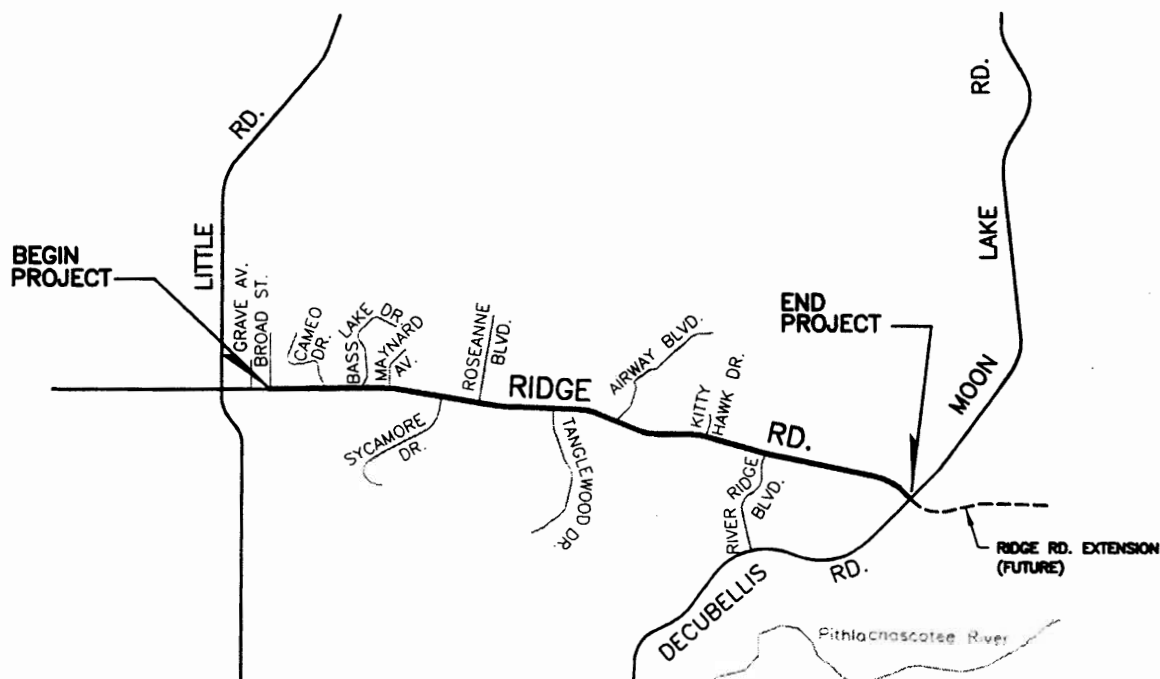
AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD): The SWFWMD permit application number is 43002875.004. The SWFWMD has not issued a permit.

Comments regarding the application should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer at the above address within 30 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact Mike Nowicki of this office either by letter at the letterhead address, by telephone at 904-232-2171, by e-mail at **michael.f.nowicki@usace.army.mil**, or by fax at 904-232-1684.



SEC. 25,26, TWP. 25S, RNG. 16E.
SEC. 29,30, TWP. 25S, RNG. 17E.



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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

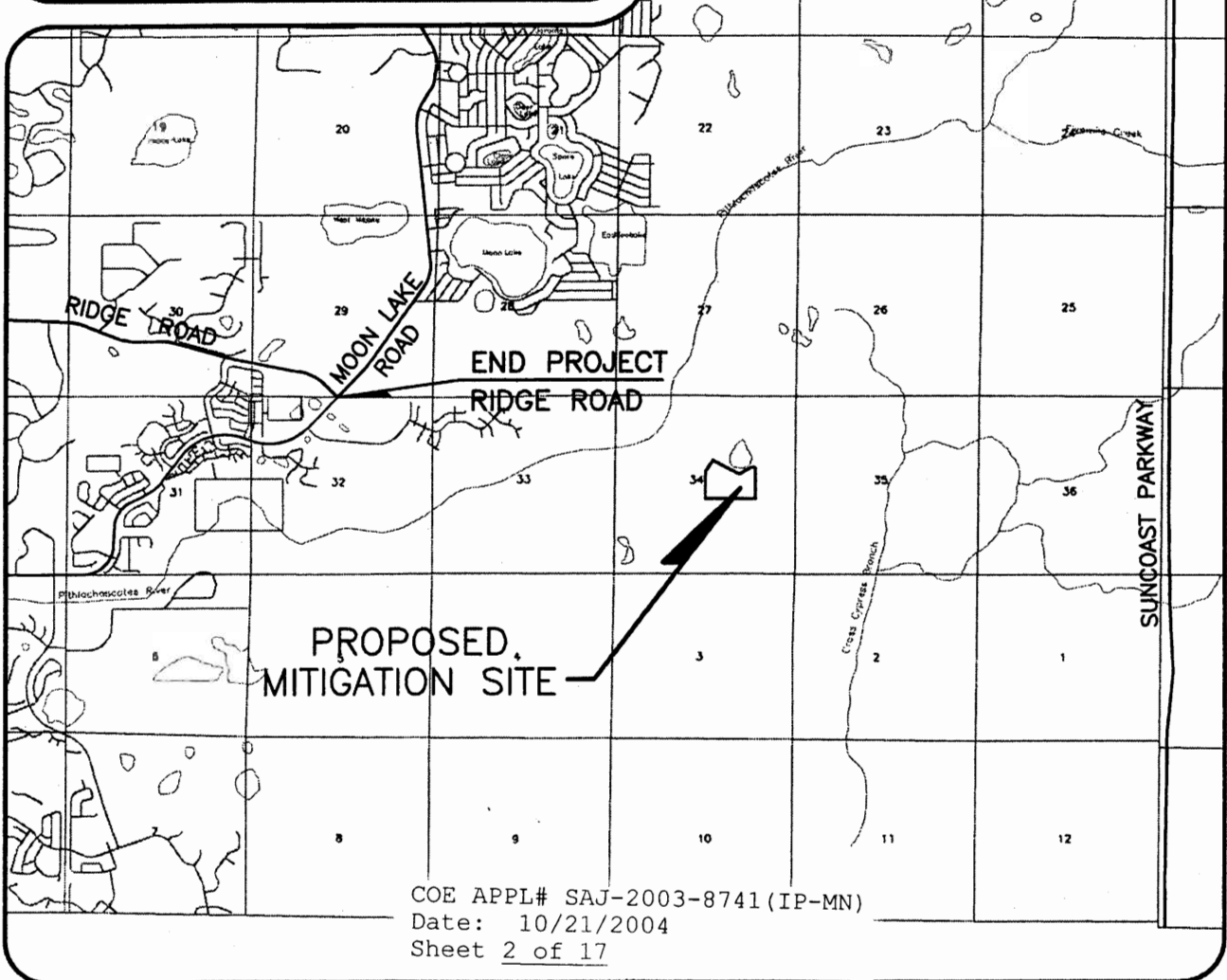
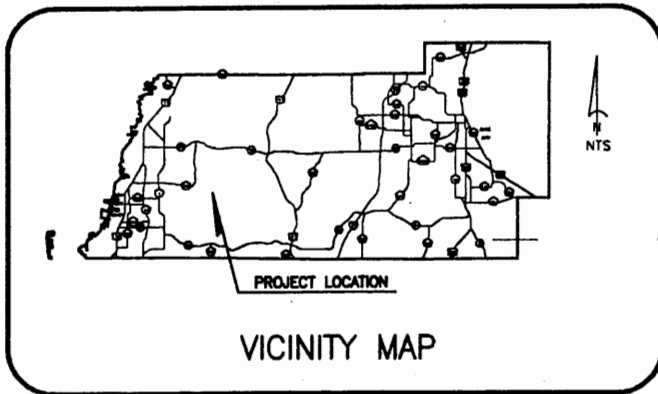


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RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)

BROAD STREET TO DECUBELLIS RD.

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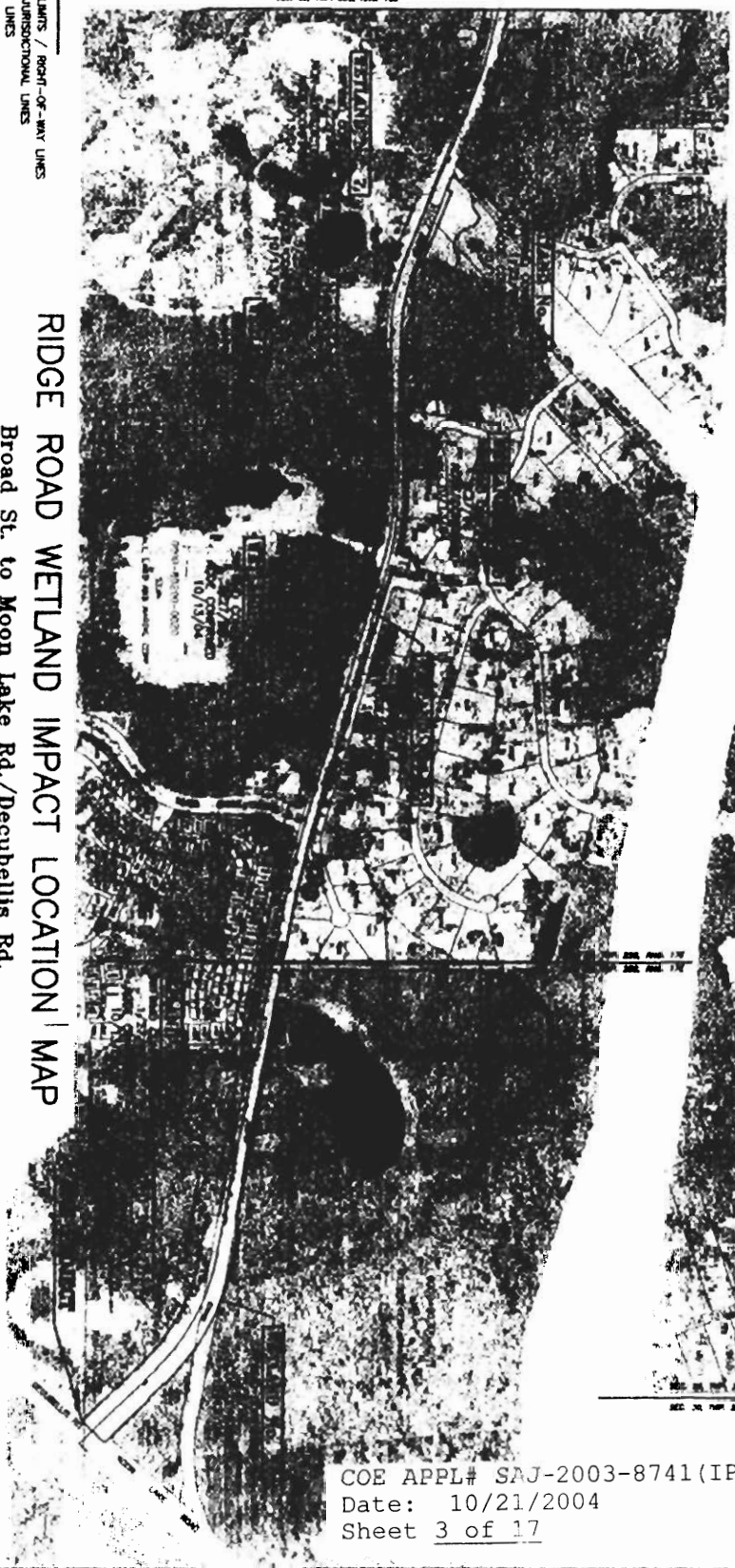


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MITIGATION AREA
LOCATION MAP
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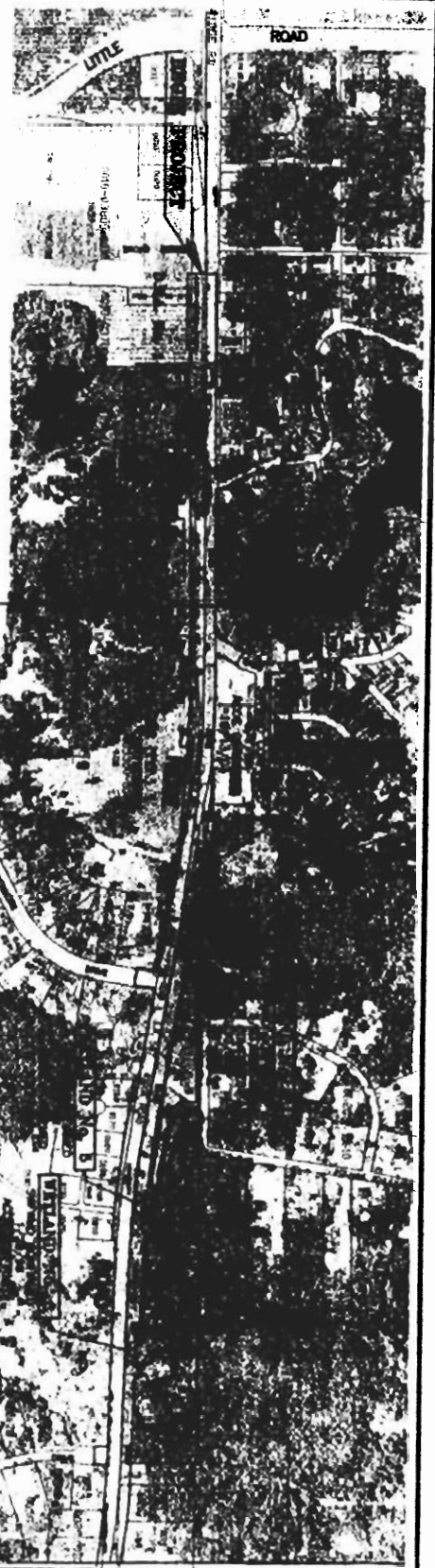
LEGEND
 — PROJECT LIMITS / RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES
 — WETLAND JURISDICTIONAL LINES
 — PROPERTY LINES

RIDGE ROAD WETLAND IMPACT LOCATION MAP Broad St. to Moon Lake Rd./Decubellis Rd.



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NORTH
 SCALE: 1"=300'

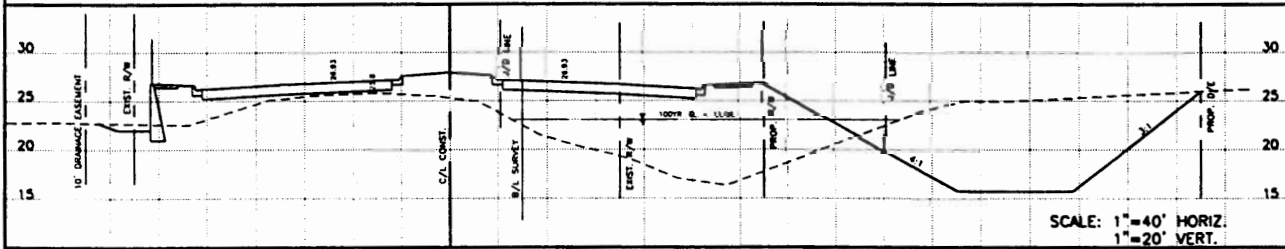
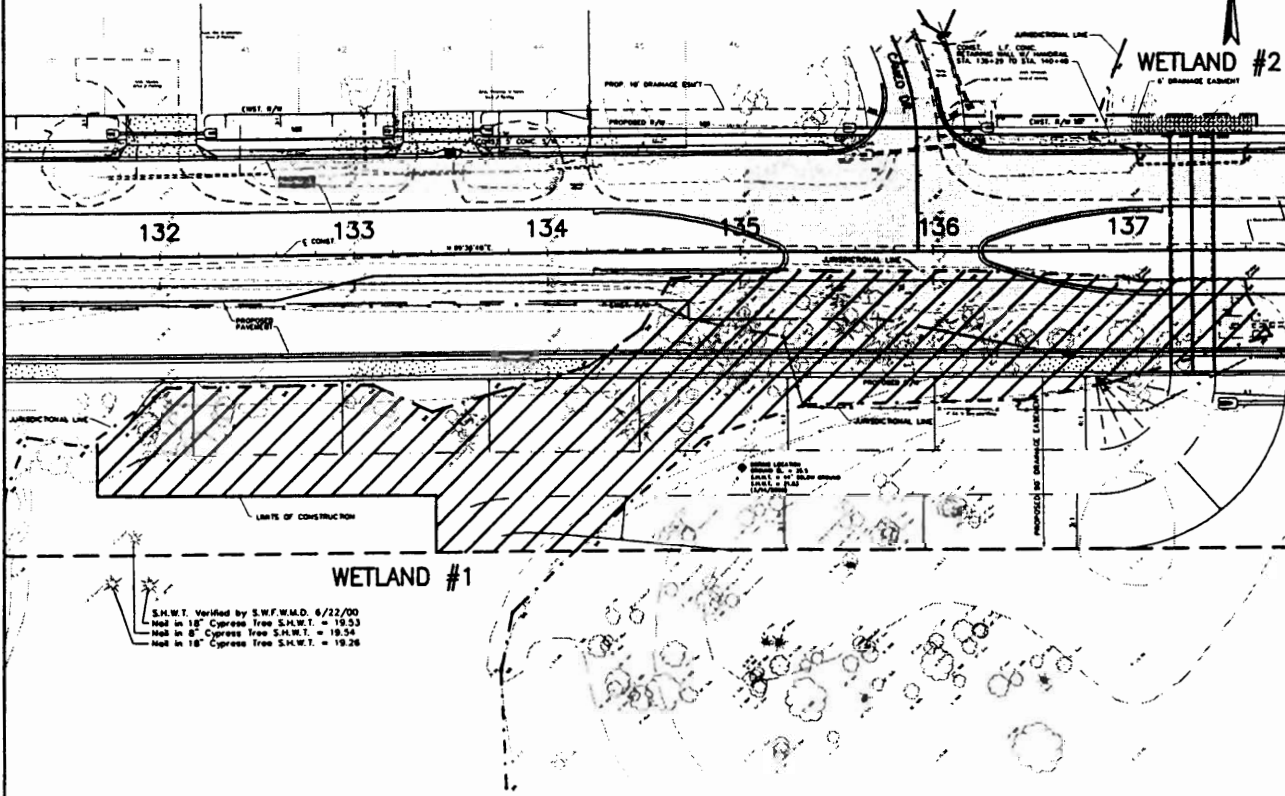


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WETLAND #1 IMPACT AREA
WITHIN R/W = 16,518 S.F.

WETLAND #1 IMPACT AREA
WITHIN D/E = 22,452 S.F.

NORTH
SCALE: 1"=100'



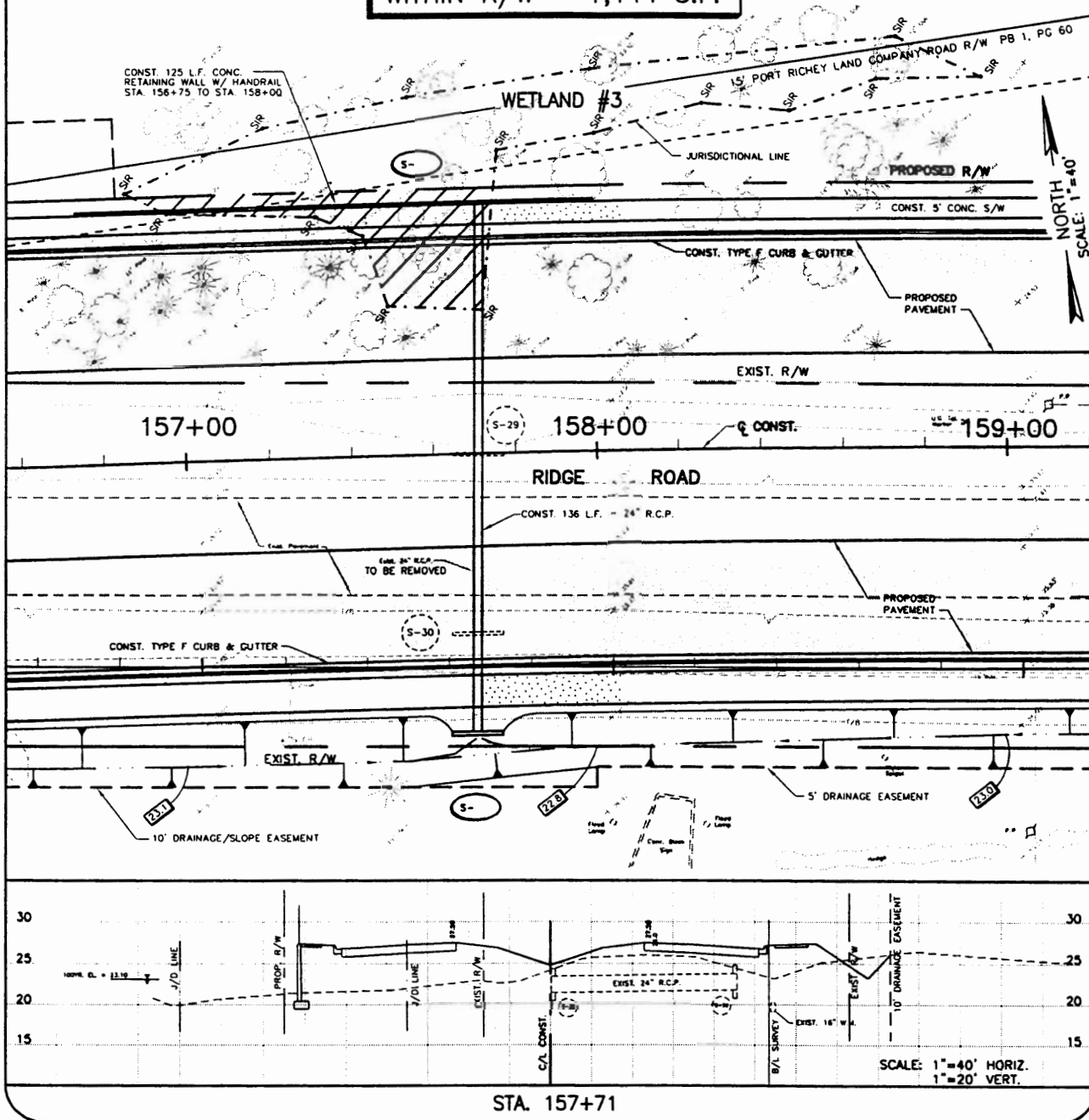
STA. 135+00



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WETLAND #1
STA. 135+00
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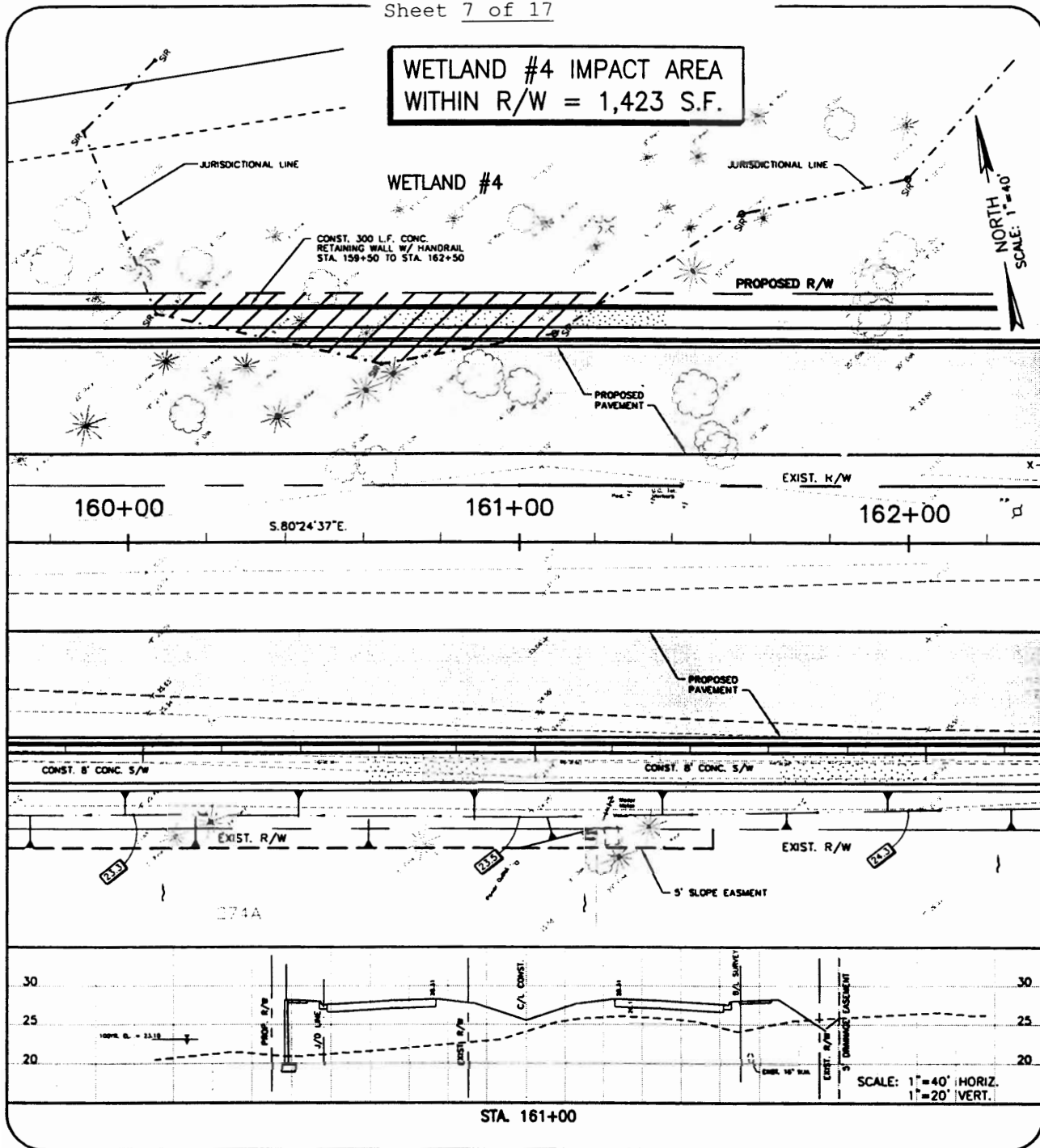
**WETLAND #3 IMPACT AREA
WITHIN R/W = 1,144 S.F.**



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WETLAND #3
STA. 157+60
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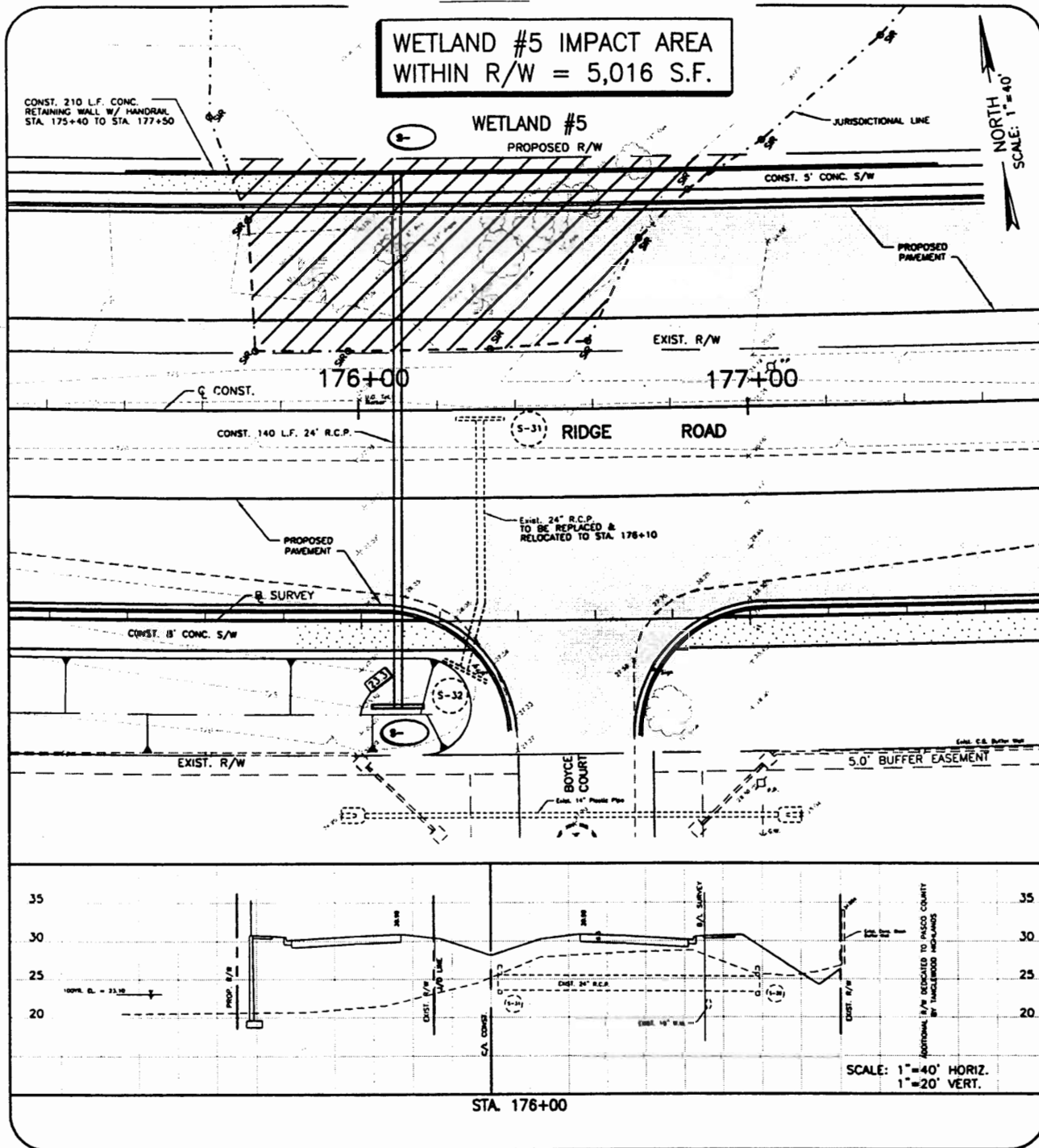
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RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)
WETLAND #4
STA. 160+50
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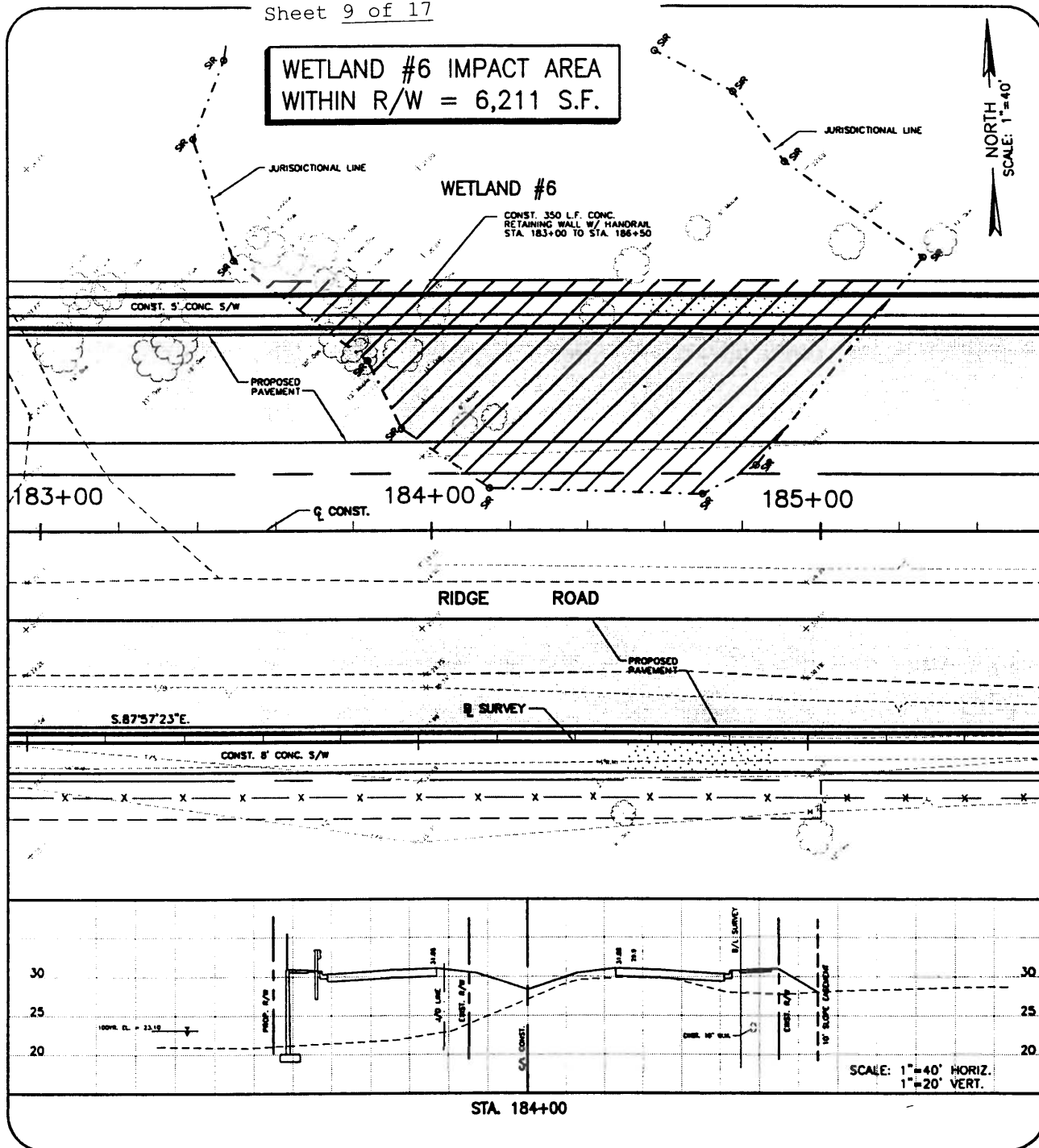
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WETLAND #5
STA. 176+20
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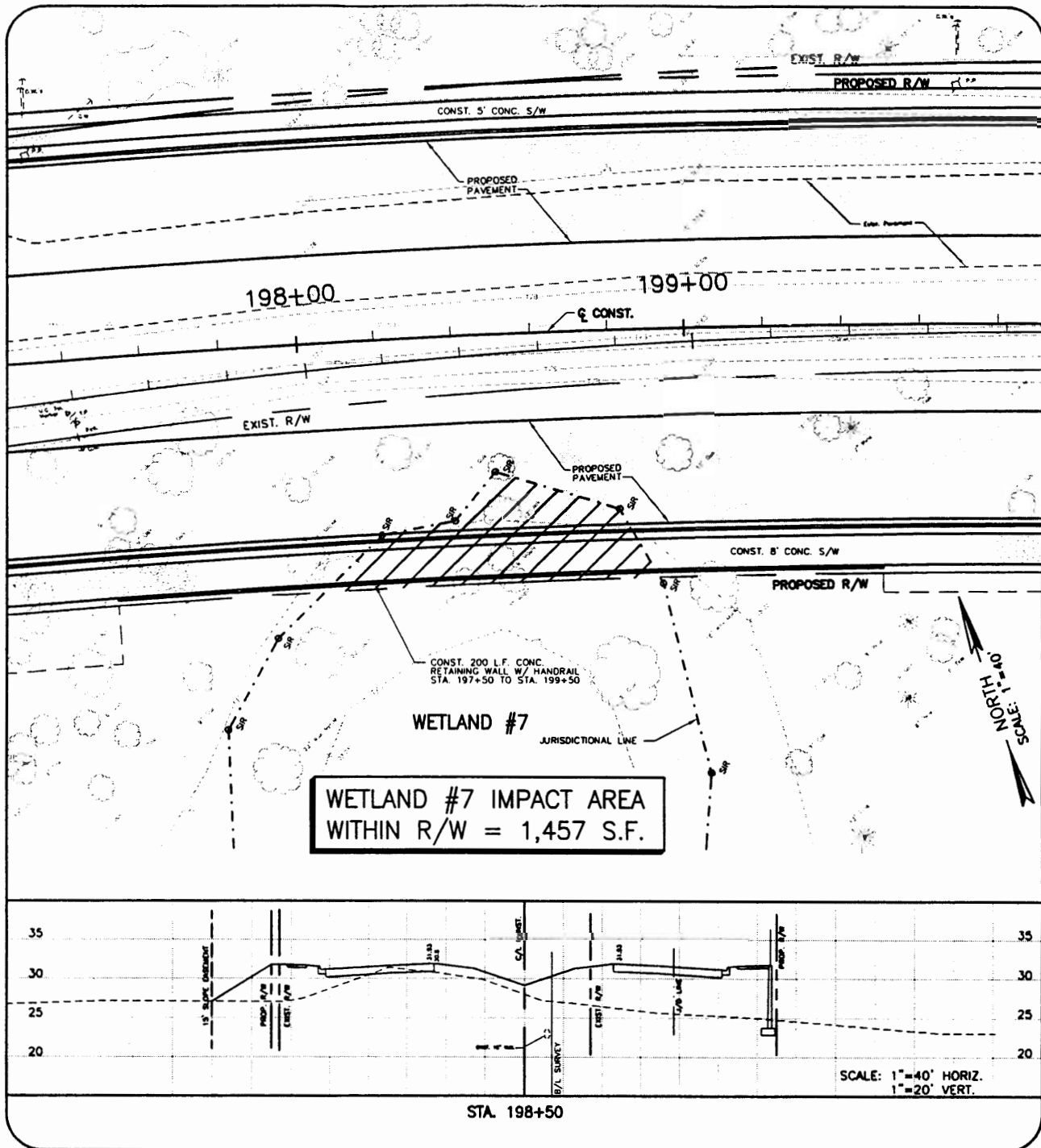
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RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)
WETLAND #6
STA. 184+40
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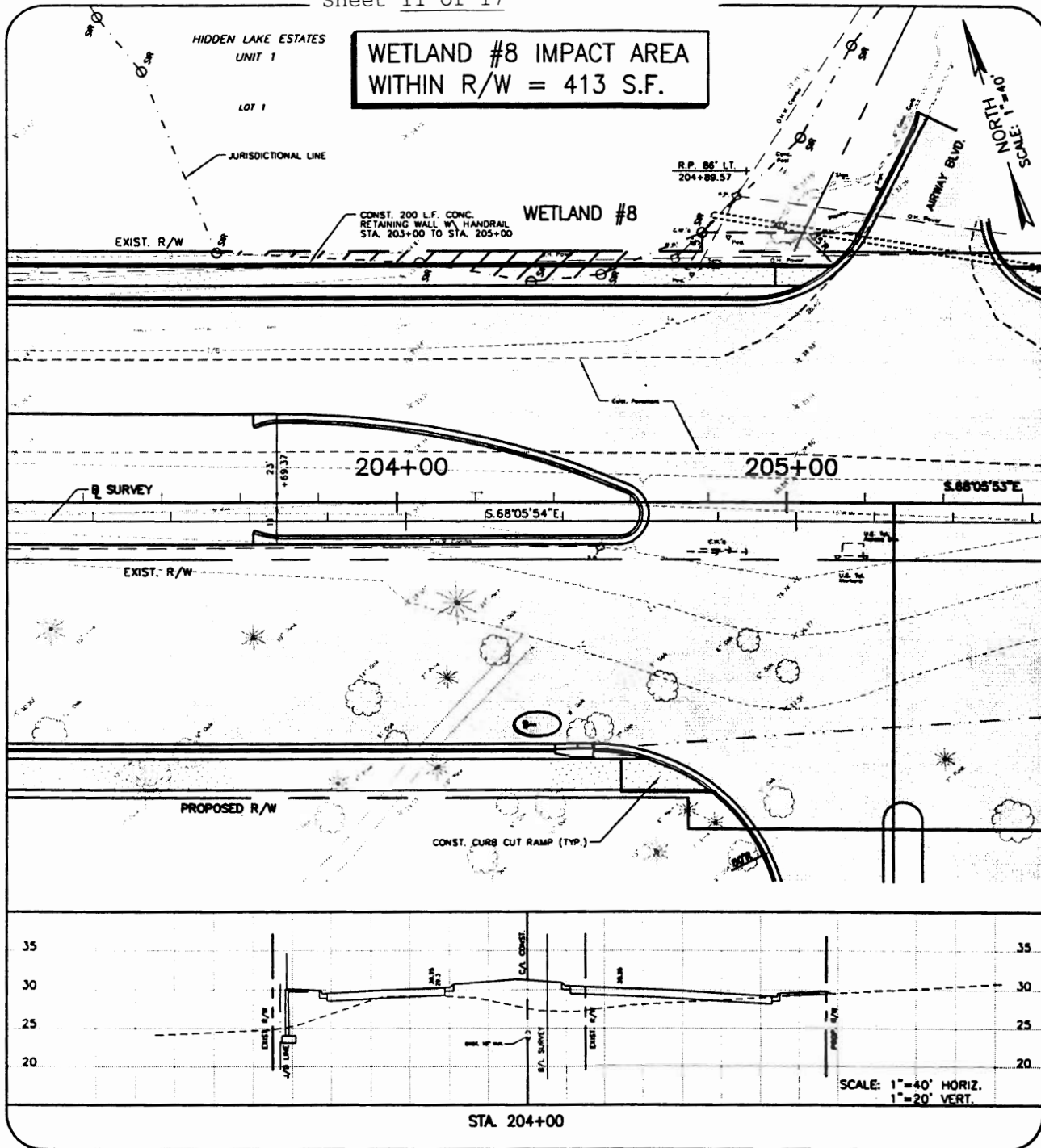
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RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)
WETLAND #7
STA. 198+50
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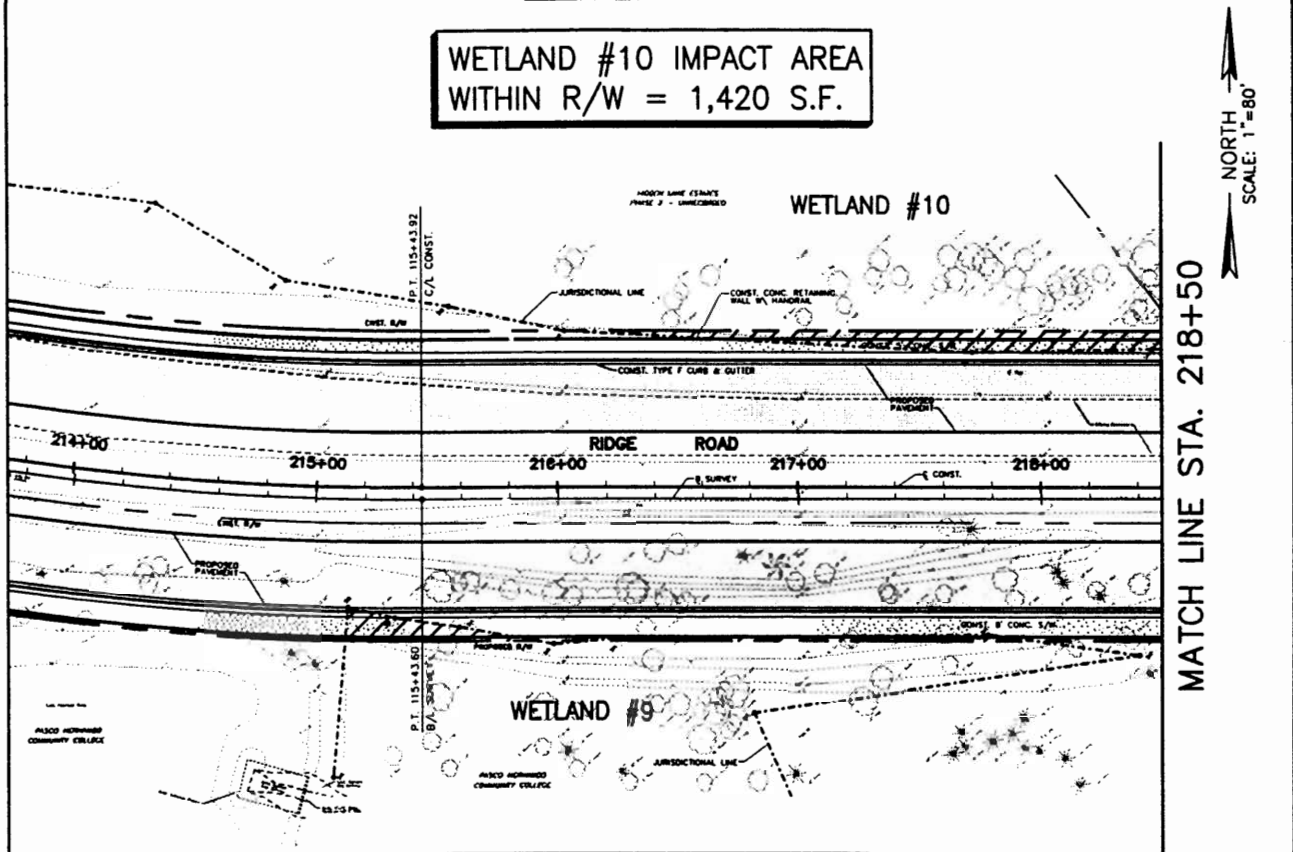
WETLAND #8

STA. 204+20

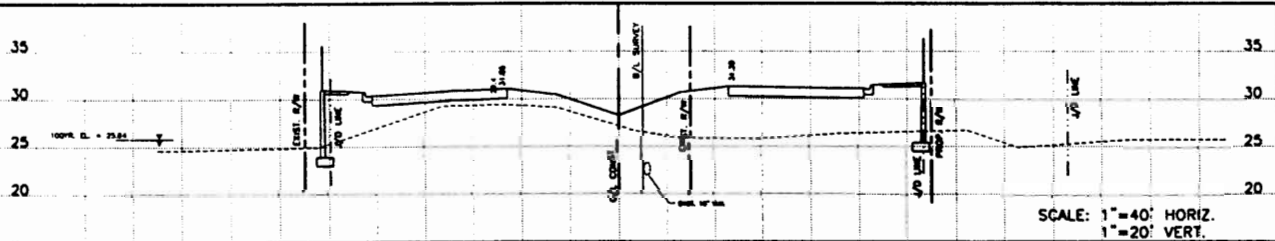
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**WETLAND #10 IMPACT AREA
 WITHIN R/W = 1,420 S.F.**



**WETLAND #9 IMPACT AREA
 WITHIN R/W = 846 S.F.**



STA. 217+00



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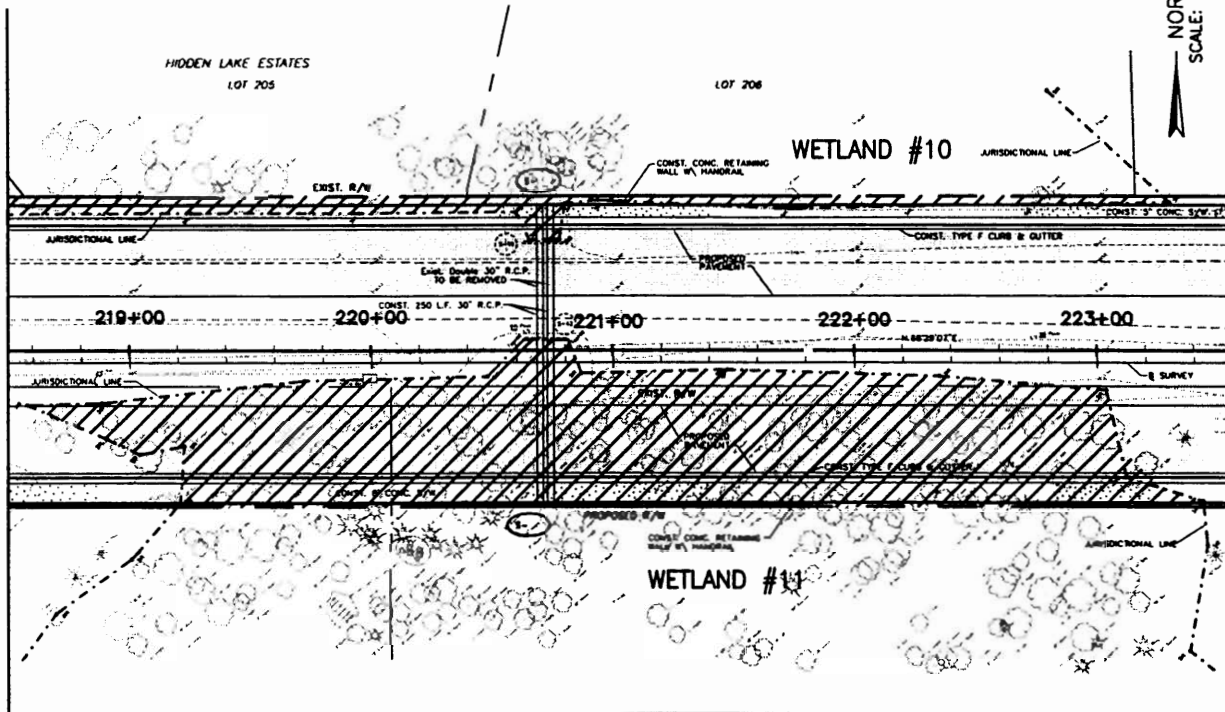
**RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)
 WETLANDS #9 & 10
 STA. 216+50
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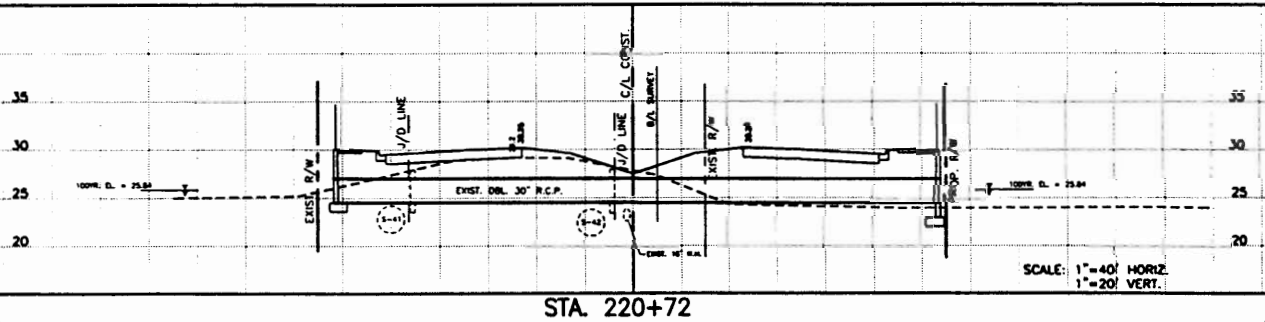
**WETLAND # 10 IMPACT AREA
WITHIN R/W = 2,719 S.F.**

NORTH
SCALE: 1"=80'

MATCH LINE STA. 218+50



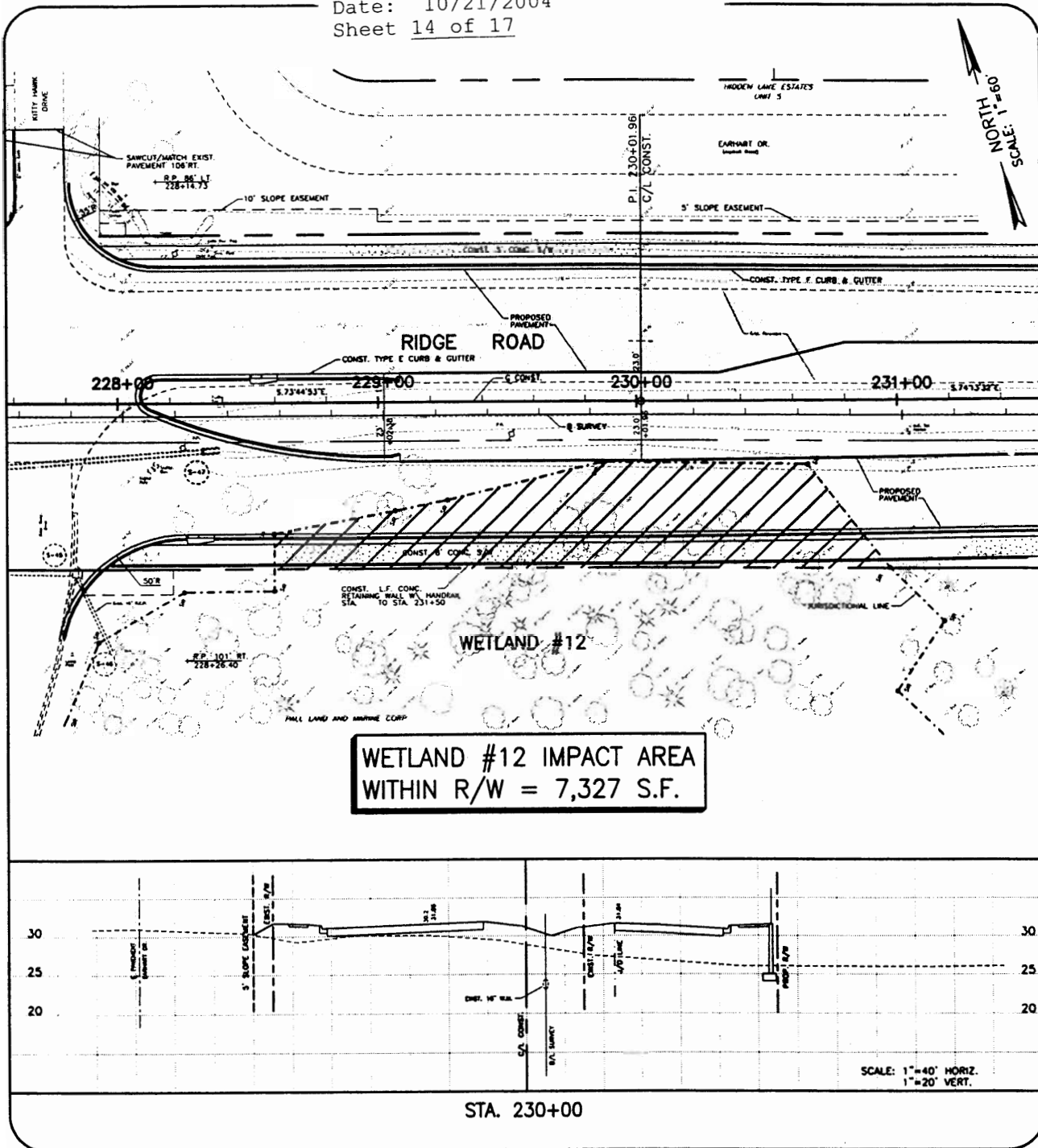
**WETLAND #11 IMPACT AREA
WITHIN R/W = 22,277 S.F.**



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WETLANDS #10 & 11
STA. 221+00
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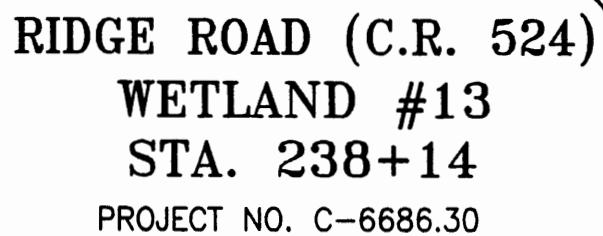
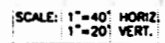
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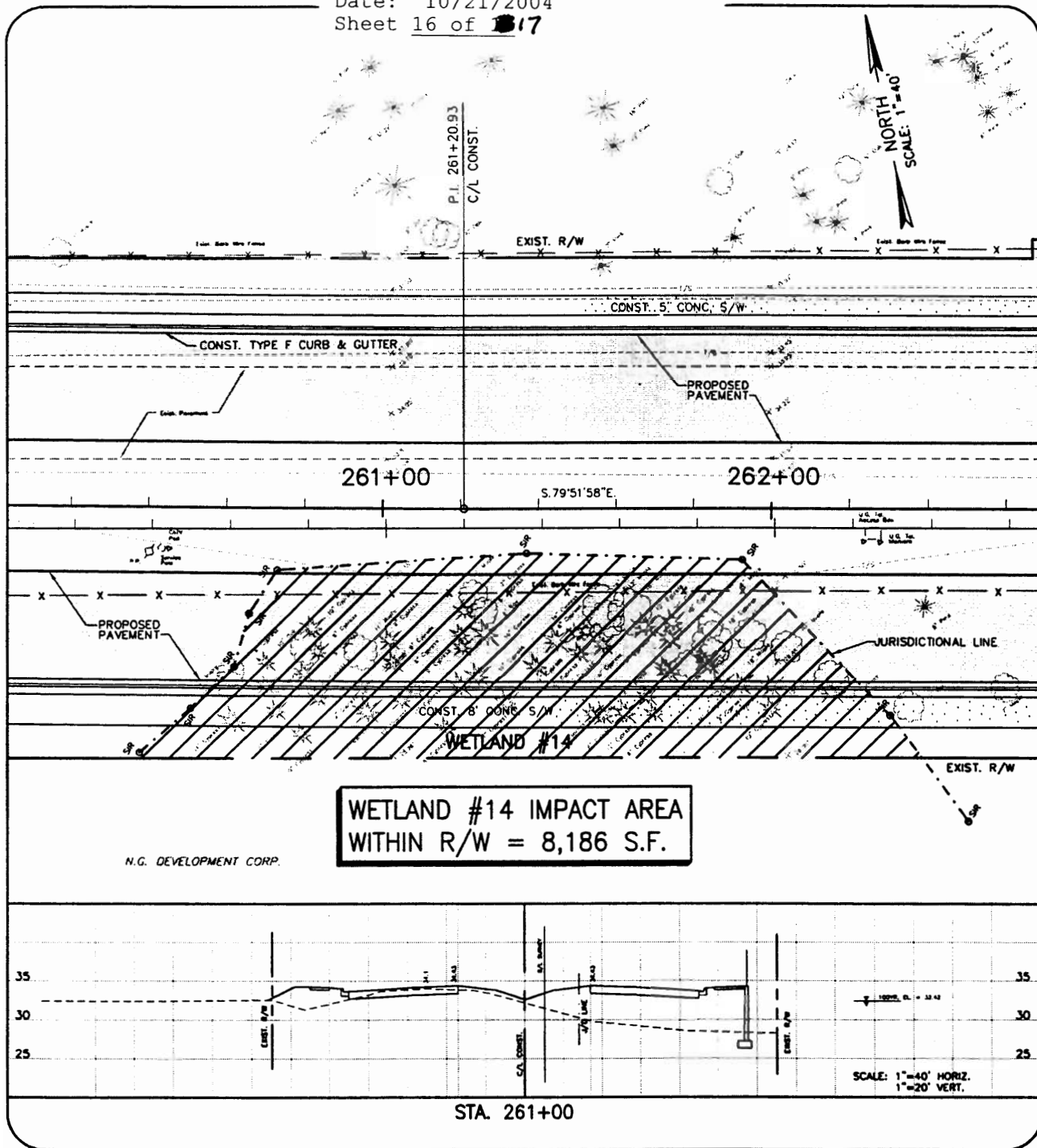
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RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)
WETLAND #12
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RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)
WETLAND #14
STA. 261+40
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WETLAND IMPACT SUMMARY

STATION	WATER TABLE DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	AREA IMPACTED (Ac.)	FILL (C.Y.)	CUT (C.Y.)	WETLAND AREA WITHIN D/E	WETLAND AREA WITHIN R/W
131+60 - 137+80		WETLAND #1 (SOUTH) 7'x10' DOUBLE BOX CULVERT (CROSSING)	0.895			0.698 Ac.	0.379 Ac.
136+80 - 140+00		WETLAND #2 (NORTH) 7'x10' DOUBLE BOX CULVERT (CROSSING)	0.081			0.011 Ac.	0.070 Ac.
156+90 - 157+80		WETLAND #3 (NORTH) 24" R.C.P. (CULVERT CROSSING)	0.026				0.026 Ac.
160+00 - 161+20		WETLAND #4 (NORTH)	0.033				0.033 Ac.
175+75 - 177+00		WETLAND #5 (NORTH) 24" R.C.P. (CULVERT CROSSING)	0.115				0.115 Ac.
183+50 - 185+30		WETLAND #6 (NORTH)	0.143				0.143 Ac.
198+00 - 199+00		WETLAND #7 (SOUTH)	0.033				0.033 Ac.
203+50 - 204+90		WETLAND #8 (NORTH)	0.009				0.009 Ac.
215+00 - 218+50		WETLAND #9 (SOUTH) WETLAND #10 (NORTH)	0.019 0.033				0.019 Ac. 0.033 Ac.
218+50 - 223+50		WETLAND #10 (NORTH) WETLAND #11 (SOUTH) DOUBLE 30" R.C.P. (CULVERT CROSSING)	0.062 0.511				0.062 Ac. 0.511 Ac.
228+50 - 231+00		WETLAND #12 (SOUTH)	0.168				0.168 Ac.
237+50 - 238+70		WETLAND #13 (SOUTH) 24" R.C.P. (CULVERT CROSSING)	0.113				0.113 Ac.
260+35 - 262+50		WETLAND #14 (SOUTH)	0.188				0.188 Ac.
267+20 - 269+50		WETLAND #15 (SOUTH) 30" R.C.P. (CULVERT CROSSING) WETLAND #16 (NORTH)	0.124 0.015				0.124 Ac. 0.015 Ac.
TOTAL:			2.568				



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RIDGE ROAD (C.R. 524)
 Broad St. To Moon Lake Rd.
WETLAND IMPACT SUMMARY
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IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area. By means of this notice we are soliciting comments on the potential effects of the project on threatened or endangered species or their habitat.

IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties, or properties listed as eligible or inclusion therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Presently, unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act of the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make or deny this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY: In Florida, the State approval constitutes compliance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan. In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with approved Coastal Zone Management Plan.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.


John R. Hall
Chief, Regulatory Division